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Red-letter year for post office

Letter carrier John Groves sorts mail for his route. He and his colleagues delivered a record amount of mail to Utahns' homes and businesses last year. A 4 percent increase in mail in 1988 meant that an average of 14 more pieces of mail were delivered to each postal stop over the course of the year. Each day the Salt Lake Management Sectional Center, which covers all of Utah and the northwest portion of Nevada, delivers

2.7 million pieces of mail — "that's 478 pieces of mail for every man, woman and child in the area" over a year, said Postmaster Kenneth R. Prentiss, for a total of 828.8 million pieces of mail in 1988. The Salt Lake management center employs 4,050 people and hired 203 employees last year to handle the increasing workload. Carriers drove more than 7.3 million miles to deliver mail to 497,000 addresses — 8,000 of them new.

Utah 1988

Postal customers can buy 'E' stamps before price increases to 25¢

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The cost of mailing a first-class letter will rise to 25 cents beginning April 3, but Salt Lake Postmaster Dennis J. Yuhl said customers can purchase the new "E" stamp now.

The stamp has a postage value of 25 cents, even though it shows no denomination. It will remain on sale until the post office receives new denominated postage, he said.

Yuhl said the E stamps are for use within the United States only. "Their use is prohibited on international mail, which requires denominated postage. The post office has a good supply of one-, two-, and three-cent stamps that can be used with 22-cent stamps."

The new first-class rate and increases for other classes of mail were approved March 22 by the board of governors of the U.S. Postal Service. It is the first rate adjustment in more than three years, postal officials said.

The increase in first-class mail represents a 13.6 percent rise; the cost of second-class mail — newspapers and magazines — will rise 18.1 percent; bulk regular third-class mail will go up 24.9 percent; and parcel post will rise 14.8 percent.

"In the three years since the last rate increase, the Postal Service, like

most businesses, has had rising costs on many fronts, including operations, transportation, supplies and labor," Yuhl said.

"For example, since 1985, we have been delivering mail to 7 million more addresses nationwide, which has required putting 12,000 more letter carriers on the streets each day."

When adjusted for inflation, Yuhl said, the coming 25-cent first-class rate is only seven-tenths of a cent more than the first-class rate in 1971.

"Even at 25 cents, the United States first-class postage is still the lowest of any Western industrialized nation," he said.

Meanwhile, postal service officials said patrons can now order stamps by calling a toll-free number, 1-800-STAMP24. Orders are taken 24 hours a day and can be charged to MasterCard or VISA. There is a minimum order of \$12.50 with a \$2 service charge.

Stamps can also be ordered by mail. Customers should pick up a stamps-by-mail order form at their post office, or call and ask that one be mailed to them. No credit card is needed and there is no service charge.

From March 30 to April 6, exclud-



ing April 3, the new "E" stamp plus one- and three-cent stamps will be sold from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at temporary post offices at three local malls.

Stamps will be available at the second level of the ZCMI Mall, the center court of Valley Fair Mall and at Fashion Place Mall.

A mobile post office will also visit Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County senior citizens centers from April 5 to April 15. Groups of shut-ins who would like a visit from the post office should contact John Barney at the Salt Lake Main Post Office.

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Provo sells land to post office for expansion

By Sheridan R. Hansen 9-28-88
Deseret News staff writer

PROVO — Residents who pass by the downtown U.S. post office will notice changes in the mail drop-off box and in employee parking. To aid in those changes the city has agreed to sell the agency the property just south of the building.

The Postal Service has leased the property from the city for a number

of years but wanted to own the property now that the facility is being expanded.

The resolution approving the sale was finally passed by the City Council at Tuesday's meeting. Council members had previously questioned whether it was in the best interest of the city to sell rather than lease the property.

By leasing the property at the current rate of about \$10,000 a year,

council members figured it would be a better deal to continue leasing the property than it would be to sell it for the market-value price of \$60,000.

"After meeting with them (Postal Service officials), it is my feeling that we should use our own example of what we ask others to do and sell the property at the fair market value," said Council Chairman Ron Last.

He was referring to the fact that the city often asks people to sell their property to the city at a fair price so the city can expand and do what is needed to accommodate a growing community.

Mayor Joe Jenkins had already signed the agreement to sell the property Sept. 23, but the action came before the council Tuesday as an emergency agenda item so the sale could be finalized.

The mayor's signature was secured by Sept. 23 because the Postal Service had appropriated money for the purchase in last year's budget, which ended Sept. 23.

The property is located at the First South-Second South and University Avenue-First West block.

Mail drop box speeds delivery

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A new drop box will allow Orem mail to reach Provo the day after it is mailed.

A special drop box for Provo and southern Utah mail has been installed at the Orem post office, according to Provo postmaster Richard Woolums. The mail deposited in that box will be collected each evening at 7 p.m. and taken to the East Bay postal facility for sorting. It will then be delivered to Provo and southern Utah addresses the next day.

The later collection times will allow businesses which close at 5:30 or 6 p.m. to deposit their mail for overnight delivery.

The Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce, Provo City,

Orem City and regional U.S. Postal officials worked together for the change.

"This is something we've been needing for a long time," said Steve Densley, chamber president. "That's why we called all interested parties together to discuss the matter, and the postal officials were very cooperative. We're excited to see the overnight service a reality."

In addition, Provo City and the chamber recently worked to get a drop-box driveway built on the south side of the Provo post office. The driveway was needed after the post office was forced to close the drop boxes on the east side of the building because of parking problems.



Special drop boxes, like this one in Provo, are upgrading Utah County postal service.

Post offices can help you trace your ancestors

By Bruce Hills

Deseret News staff writer

SANDY — Postal employee Lance R. McRae says finding your ancestors is a fascinating hobby and a way to step back into the past and learn more about who you are and where you come from.

McRae, who handles everything from customers' complaints and public relations to COD and registered mail at the Sandy Post Office, said the U.S. Postal Service is sponsoring a "Plant a Family Tree" campaign this month to help bind families together, just as letters do.

He said free, informative family tree charts are available at post offices nationwide until the end of November.

"The charts offer suggestions on how to research your ancestors and where to get help. Salt Lakers are fortunate because The Family History Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has the largest collection of genealogical information in the world."

You don't have to be a Mormon to use the library, McRae said, "and it doesn't cost anything to use the library's books, microfilm records and other information."

He said the Postal Service program is being co-sponsored by the American Association for Retired Persons and the National Genealogical Society.

"I've been interested in genealogy since 1975 and have traced my family's lineage back to England, Scotland, Ireland and Germany to as far back as the 1400s.

"In the process, I've discovered a host of names in my family, including Ryan, Herrman, Fisk, Byers, Winters, Rogers, Fraughton, Jones and scores of other family names."

A lot of his ancestors, he said, are



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Postal worker Lance McRae displays free genealogy charts that also provide suggestions on researching ancestors.

salt-of-the earth farmers, merchants and shopkeepers, tinsmiths and blacksmiths. "There are a few politicians, doctors, some judges, some Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans in my family and a few black sheep. You can't go back 500 years without finding a few 'skeletons.'

"The black sheep are as fun and interesting to learn about as the successful or prosperous ancestors. All these relatives' blood flows in my veins. Their genes, from as far back as you can go, are in me," McRae said.

Most of his genealogical research has been conducted in the LDS Genealogical Library, but McRae has also carried on a vast correspondence with relatives around the world.

"I've even written to relatives behind the Iron Curtain in the German Democratic Republic received letters back and even pictures of my ancestors. I have collected pictures of my six children's ancestors back seven generations."

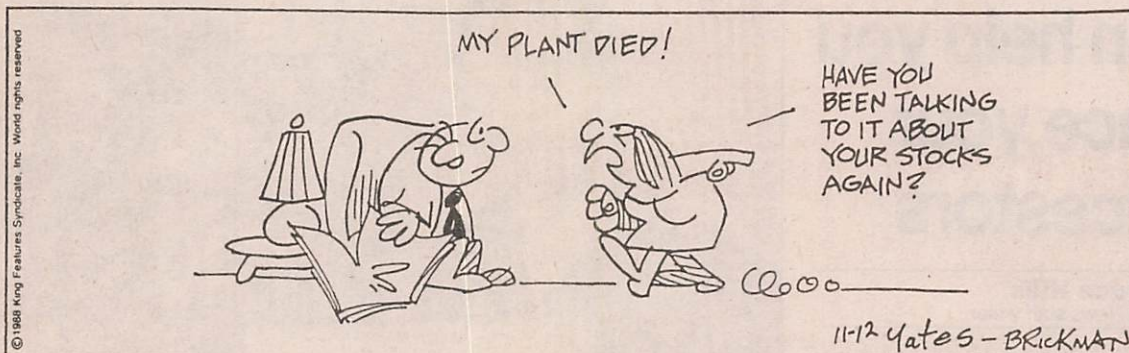
Some of his relatives came to Canada about 1800 and settled in Quebec. Other relatives came to America in the early 1600s from Great Britain.

He has a copy of a letter written by a Pilgrim ancestor who died aboard ship while traveling to America from Wales with his wife and unborn son in 1690.

"He was sick on the ship and knew he would never reach America, so he wrote a letter to his unborn son, telling him about himself and what he wanted his son to do when he grew up."

the small society

by Brickman and Yates



Plenty of problems await Bush

By Miles Benson
Newhouse News Service

WASHINGTON — "We are still in charge until Jan. 20 and are still responsible for making decisions of the government," President Reagan reminded his Cabinet last week.

But there really isn't much in the way of serious problem-solving that Reagan and his administration can accomplish in his final 10 weeks in power.

In fact, some of the burdens Vice President George Bush will inherit from Reagan seem to be growing heavier by day.

Foremost among these is the federal budget deficit. Three months ago, the federal deficit for fiscal year 1990, which begins next Oct. 1, was projected to be in the range of \$111 billion. More recent calculations have pushed the deficit much higher, in the range of \$130 to 140 billion.

But under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced budget law, the 1990 deficit must be held to \$100 billion, or deep cuts in both defense and domestic programs are triggered automatically.

The proposed FY 1990 budget will be submitted to Congress on Jan. 9. It will be Reagan's last budget, and like many that preceded it, this one is sure to be pronounced "dead on arrival."

It will then be up to Bush, who will take office on Jan. 20, to thrash out a compromise with the Democratic Congress.

Having pledged no tax increases, it is difficult to imagine how Bush will be able to squeeze \$30 to \$40 billion in savings out of the 1990 budget and still deliver on his campaign promises to protect the defense and boost outlays for education, child care, health care and anti-drug programs.

Nor is there any sign that Reagan can make any further substantial progress in nuclear arms control talks with the Soviet Union. The current round of talks in Geneva on strategic weapons is due to end in mid-November.

In the Middle East, a hardening Arab position in re-

In Central America, the defiant Sandinista government of Nicaragua continues to enjoy strong Soviet and Cuban support as the U.S.-backed Contra rebels languish.

Nor is Reagan expected to find a solution to his stalemate with Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega.

So there will be no shortage of problems awaiting President Bush, but there is a great mystery about how he will attack them. At the moment, Reagan's vice president is concentrating on preparing for a smooth transition of power.

Indeed, the way Bush handles the transition will be an important signal about the kind of administration he will run, according to many political experts, including Robert Strauss, a former Democratic national chairman greatly respected by leaders in both parties.

The two best transitions Strauss says he can recall were the ones run by Republican Richard Nixon and Democrat John F. Kennedy.

Why?

"Because both Nixon and Kennedy understood government," Strauss says. "Nixon knew the kind of government he wanted to put in place. He knew the kind of issues he wanted to handle himself, and those he wanted handled by others."

Similarly, Kennedy's transition was successful because he picked "a very, very strong person to head it, a fellow who knew government. He picked Clark Clifford, who'd been deeply involved for years, who knew what it took, had experience, understood Washington," Strauss says.

Democratic President Jimmy Carter and Republican Ronald Reagan presided over "poor" transitions because they relied upon aides who lacked the "backgrounds and skills and knowledge of what makes Washington work."

Strauss made those comments early on Election Day before the outcome was known. But if Bush were elected, Strauss said he was confident he would establish a good transition team, with the help of his campaign chairman James A. Baker III, who Bush has since designated to be his secretary of state.

"George Bush has certainly been in town a long time,"

Postal Service

7 Dec 1988

Thinking Aloud: Recently I was visiting with some friends and the conversation evolved around Christmas, and sending those wonderful seasonal greetings through the mail. That got my mind working on the many letters and pieces of mail sent and delivered each year. I picked up an article written by Ralph Boldt, William F.

ning at 9 a.m. this will be the only meeting held. Please plan to attend with your family.

Bishop Smart announces Tithing Settlement Dec. 27 through 31. Please schedule your appointment with Boyd Whiting, Executive Secretary.

Relief Society reminders: All Visiting Teachers are invited to a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 28 at the Ward Relief Society Room at 7 p.m.

Sustained: Brenda Richins, Assistant Basketball Coach, Young Women.

America.

DATED at Heber City, Wasatch County, State of Utah, this 05th day of December, 1988.

Edwin Thacker

WASATCH COUNTY
SHERIFF

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NOTICE

A meeting of the Charleston

highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States at the time of the sale, at the East main entrance, Wasatch County Courthouse, Heber City, Utah, on December 27, 1988, at 1:00 p.m. of said day, for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Trust Deed dated March 14, 1984 and executed by CALVIN E. CLARK, an individual, and PRIDE STABLES, a Utah limited partnership, as

the front entrance of the County Courthouse at Heber, Utah, in the County of Wasatch, by KAY M. LEWIS, Trustee, and NORWES FINANCIAL, as Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust made by EUGENE H. CAVOLI JR. and KAREN L. CAVOLI, as Trustors and recorded June 14, 1982, as Entry No. 126663 in Book 149 Page 250, of the official records of Wasatch County, Utah, given to secure an indebtedness in favor